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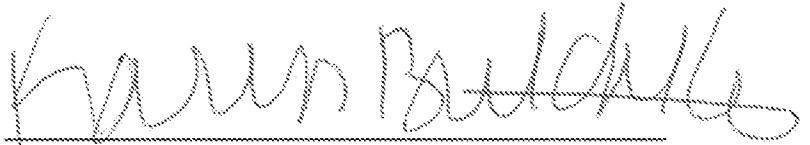
This is in response to the Notice mailed September 14, 2007. PTO form 1449 is submitted herewith pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98(a) as a means of complying with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56 with respect to the above-identified application. In accordance with Patent Office guidelines, a copy of the foreign citation listed on PTO 1449 is enclosed. None of these references discloses the invention claimed in the subject application. Also enclosed is a copy of the Chinese Office Action.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1), each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement as it was cited to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 9, 2007. Applicant is resubmitting the reference with a copy of the Chinese Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the enclosed references on PTO-1449 submitted herewith.

No fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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